

**WILLMAR PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF WILLMAR, MN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019**

MINUTES

1. The Willmar Planning Commission met on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willmar City Offices Conference Room #1.

Members Present: Jeff Kimpling, Terry Sieck, Cletus Frank, Jonathan Marchand, Christina Nelson, and Steve Gardner.

Members Absent: Rolf Standfuss and Dr. Jerry Kjergaard

Others Present: Sarah Swedburg – Planner

2. MINUTES: Minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS TEXT AMENDMENT: Staff reviewed the request to allow a tattoo parlor in the General Business District. There are eight allowed uses in Central Business District and the Shopping Center District that are not currently allowed in the General Business District: Broadcasting studios (without transition towers), Interior Design Stores, Pawn Shops, Paint Stores, Specialty Food Stores, Tattoo Parlors, Taxi/Transit Businesses, and Whole Sale. Staff recommended the Commission review the eight uses and determine which uses to allow in the General Business District. The Commission discussed the multiple uses in the districts and the history behind this discrepancy. Some districts, such as the Technology District or the Central Business District have more limited, specific list of permitted uses compared to a zone such as General Business.

Throughout the Discussion, the Commission agreed to move forward with the current request to allow a tattoo parlor use within the General Business District, but wait on the other uses. A public hearing is to be set for May 15, 2019.

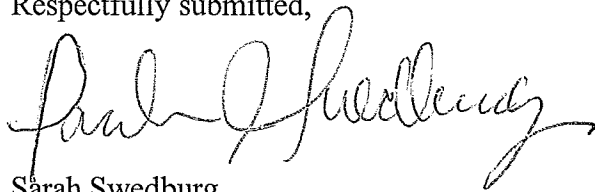
4. MISCELLANY:
Staff recapped that in 2018 the Subdivision Ordinance was revised. It would be the recommendation of staff that we begin the process of revising the Zoning Ordinance. Staff will provide examples from other communities at an upcoming meeting and begin discussion regarding revisions.

Staff provided the Commission with an update regarding the City Hall Task Force Meeting. The City Hall task force reviewed the Fire Station option at a public input meeting, and with enough concerns raised, the property was removed from consideration. Since the Task Force's review of sites, Block 25 has become available for purchase and it would be the favorable site for new construction, as the desire is to keep City Hall downtown. The City currently owns half of the Block 25 site (City Parking Lot) and the

second half of the block is listed at approximately \$200,000. The Commission wished the City Hall Task Force to be aware of their desire for a plan to be put in place to demolish or decommission the current location, rather than letting it sit as a potential issue for others to clean up in the future. The Commission brought up the MPCA concerns regarding contamination on the Block 25 site, as a laundromat historically sat on that location. It would be encouraged for the structure be built on the existing parking lot, with new parking and/or green space constructed where the laundromat was. They agreed that this site would be an ideal location in downtown, with space for adequate parking, and it would speak volumes to investors to have a 21st Century City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Swedburg".

Sarah Swedburg
Planner

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NO. 1060
KNOWN AS THE WILLMAR ZONING ORDINANCE
BY AMENDING SECTION 6.I RELATING TO
THE GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

The City Council of City of Willmar does ordain as follows:

SECTION 6. Ordinance 1060 is hereby amended by adding a new SECTION 6.I.1.aaa. so as to read as follows:

aaa. Tattoo Parlors.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its adoption and second publication.

This Ordinance introduced by Council Member: _____

This Ordinance introduced on: _____

This Ordinance published on: _____

This Ordinance given a hearing on: _____

This Ordinance adopted on: _____

This Ordinance published on: _____

